## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HIRANO et al.

Application No.: 10/784,986

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For: NOVEL LYSINE DECARBOXYLASE

GENE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-LYSINE

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Gebreyesus, Kagnew H.

Attorney Ref. No.: US-109

**Confirmation No.: 1388** 

## **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

## Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated February 16, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, one month(s) to June 16, 2006.

The period for response has previously been extended to

Please charge the credit card identified in EFS-Web processing or our deposit account **50-2821** the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendancy of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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